

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

Bobby Wallace Talks About Playing Shortfield Position.

LOTS OF GRAY MATTER NEEDED.

Managers in Big Leagues Prefer Men Who Have Fine Baseball Brains & Those That Possess Natural Ability Without Good Noodle.

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The baseball player of today needs lots of gray matter in order to stay in the game. This is my theory. The man who keeps his thinking apparatus working all the time is the one that remains in the game season after season, winning the approbation of the fans and the satisfaction that comes with a thing well done. Managers are looking for the fellows who can think quickly and correctly and use their gray matter to the best possible advantage. He is always willing to pay almost any amount for a man who can pull off the seemingly impossible.

Natural ability is a wonderful asset. There are many managers and owners who say, "Give me a man with the natural ability to hit the ball and just average ability in the other departments of the game and I will make a star out of him." Such an assertion would be a truthful one if the player in question happened to possess gray matter. If he happened to be a bonehead much of his natural ability would go to waste, simply because he failed to use his energy in the proper direction.

Take, for instance, the position of shortstop. In order to hold down this job a player must be fast. He must think fast, throw fast and be fast on his feet. A shortstop has no time to stop and figure out the next move. Brains, hand and feet must work as one. The faster a player is the more ground he can cover, provided he has an arm capable of catapulting the ball across the field to first base.

Until a year or so ago Terry Turner of the Cleveland Americans had a wonderful whip and wonderful catlike agility. This he still maintains, although his arm is not what it used to be. When Turner's arm was in good shape he was one of the wonders of the game.

Some men have played short for years, and among them are men who made good after they commenced to get slow, simply because they possessed fine baseball brains and used them all the time. They knew where and how to play every man at bat.

Young players who aspire to fame as shortfielders must learn to come in on slow ground balls at express speed, grab the ball and whip it to first without the loss of a second. They must learn to throw from any position; they must face cannon ball drives without flinching and know instantly what to do with the ball when it is in their hands; they must practice touching out a runner at second, for about half the throws to catch base runners are taken by the shortfielder, and they must use their hands and feet and their brains at all times.

A ball player of fair ability with brains is always preferable to a bonehead with all the natural ability in the world.

INTERESTING CHILDREN.

Spokane Idea For Banding Them Into a City Beautiful Organization.

In Spokane, Wash., where the city beautiful spirit has been burning brightly for some years, a children's meeting was held a short time ago in the mayor's office. The idea of banding the children into a junior city beautiful organization was that of Marie Hornburg, visiting nurse of the associated charities. In giving approval to the plan the mayor offered the use of his office and then made an address to the assembled children. To the small boys he held out the glittering possibility that some of them might some day become councilmen!

Seeds were given to the children and it was announced that a committee would award prizes for the best flowers grown from them. Miss Hornburg said in her address, "You children are going to help us have a beautiful city, and in so doing you will have lots of fun, will learn how to care for flowers, and in the fall some of you will receive prizes and all of you will go to the interstate fair and have a picnic there, and the way you will go will be in a parade, with music, and with automobiles decorated with garlands of roses and of other flowers." Needless to say the new organization started out with brilliant promise.

Umps Are Careless.

Big league umpires are lax about calling balls. "Without reflecting upon the ability of the chief umpire," comments a critic, "it can be stated without danger of contradiction that the officials have been somewhat lax in strictly enforcing the rules, and time after time runners have been nipped off bases at critical times, materially changing the ultimate outcome of the games."



Points For Mothers

Nervousness in a child may be either inherited or brought about by, or it may be derived from, causes purely physical or mental, or of these allied. But, however occasioned, it is a malady of a peculiarly sad kind and one which makes it beholden on those having charge of children so afflicted to treat them with special care. One of the commonest forms is fear of darkness, which as time progresses becomes tantamount to mental torture. In some cases this may be inherited, but it far oftener comes from stupid people talking in the hearing of very young children of newspaper and other reports of horrors or from brainless nurses telling the wondering and fearful child tales of bogies and goblins and witches. It is no wonder that the active brain of the nervous child exaggerates all this nonsense in the loneliness of the darkened room. Timidity in the presence of strangers is perhaps the least serious symptom of the nervous child. It is rarely more than a sign of supersensitiveness and can soon be cured by care and kindness and the gradual accustoming of the child to the presence of those other than its relatives and friends. The use of nerve tonics and foods may have an appreciable benefit, for undoubtedly the brain becomes weakened by the continued process of exhaustion, but in a large percentage of cases moral measures are of more utility than physical. When the primary seat of mischief is the brain the evil is seldom due to chemical or structural defects. More frequently there obtains that which may be expressed in the words—wrong action. The mental state of a child who is afraid of the darkness is a quite natural result of very wrong influence. It is to be a greater coward than the child to threaten it and leave it alone with conjured up horrors. Let it be played with in the dark and told tales to make it laugh before it settles down to sleep and let his dulling ears hear known and beloved footsteps in and near the room. Never at any time of the day, by any chance, talk of any horrifying happening which took place in the dark in the hearing of a nervous child.

Five P's For the Mother.

A trained nurse gave to a mother what she called her "five p's" for keeping children well. Here they are:

Pure milk, pure air, plenty of sleep, proper clothing and perfect cleanliness. Those few rules cover most of the necessities in hygienic child rearing.

The importance of pure milk cannot be overestimated. Except for infants, cows' milk should answer every need, but mothers should know where it comes from and how it is cared for after it enters the house. The best milk is quickly contaminated if left without a cover in a hot place.

The strongest children are those who live most in the open air. Naps in day time can be taken in a sheltered porch. Well wrapped, a child does not take cold, even in cold weather. At night every window should be open wide. See that enough bedclothing is supplied or colds may result.

Plenty of sleep is essential. Babies should be put to bed by 6 o'clock each evening and sleep through until the next morning at 7. A nap during the day should be given.

Not all children are amenable to such rules, but they should be trained into better sleeping habits.

Proper clothing includes that which keeps a child warm without overheating. Less bundling is thought necessary than formerly. Wool should be worn next the skin for the first two years, but it should be light weight. Perfect cleanliness is a matter of daintiness as well as hygiene. Nothing is more shocking than a dingy infant or child.

Cooling Lemonade For the Children.

It is an excellent plan in warm weather to keep some lemons always on hand and allow the children to make lemonade for themselves. From eight years or even somewhat less they can easily do this. A mother I know, when she feared her little folks were playing too long in the sun and heat, instead of calling them to come stay indoors, would suggest their having some lemonade. They thought it great fun to make it themselves, and this occupied, with the drinking of it, considerable time. Two or three lemons often served for a large pitcher of the cooling drink.

Mother Goose Primer.

A departure from the ordinary primer which follows along lines similar to those of advanced kindergarten principles is "The Mother Goose Primer." Twelve Mother Goose rhymes are given, each accompanied by a full page colored illustration and each analyzed and repeated in the following pages with more illustrations, giving a whole series of variations on the rhyme, so that practice on the words is given and they may be used in new constructions.

HERE THEY ARE.

The New Sanitary Milk Pails.



THE NEW SANITARY MILK PAIL.

Here you are again—a sanitary milk pail of heavy tinned wire that will be of interest to the farmer's wife. The top of the pail is formed with a gradual rise for about three inches on the sides and back, and from this point an oval shaped hood is formed with a total rise of four inches from the level of the top of the pail, which covers the entire top of the pail with the exception of eight inches on the front rim of the pail and five and a half inches, made without seams, which makes a lower milk pail than any on the market. It has a rounding hood which is not in the way when used. There are no corners or cracks, says the Hardware Magazine, for milk or moisture to collect and sour or cause rust.

Take Warning!

"Take warning!" is a motto that should be pasted in large letters on every bottle and can of gasoline that is kept in the house.

This cleansing fluid is as useful as it is dangerous under careless handling. Here are a few precautions which observed will reduce danger to a minimum:

Keep it outdoors when not in use, as in many cases fire insurance is lost if it can be proved that gasoline was on the premises.

Be careful how you clean gloves on the arm. Dreadful accidents have happened in this way.

Never keep the gasoline can near the coal oil can. They look too much alike.

A woman went to light a lamp and discovered that it flamed in a curious way—indeed, shot up almost to the ceiling. It was discovered later that the maid had filled the lamp with oil until one can was exhausted, then had taken the gasoline can, which looked exactly like it. A slightly smaller proportion of the oil and great would have been the tragedy.

Do not close a house for the summer with gasoline or coal oil in it, though you may think it is securely put away.

A Summery Hat.

Paris is growing crazy over everything that is reminiscent of the North American Indian's attire. Why? Well, that is one of the modistic licenses that the gay French capital appropriates without any apparent reason. The Apache hat is the latest eccentricity—a high turban of chiffon or tulle adorned with an upstanding headdress of feathers that slopes and gradually declines toward the back of the hat.



THE EVER POPULAR LINGERIE EFFECT.

Then we have the oriental turban, a swathed affair that will be a modish shape in the fall with the addition of a narrow ruffle of lace extending beyond the frame all around the face. But, with all these freaky specimens of millinery, the lingerie hat for summer is ever a favorite. The model illustrated is a chic example of the large lingerie hat on the bowl shape order. Swiss embroidered muslin is the material used, edged with lace. This trimming is lace edged mauve satin.

A Simple Prize.

A woman who was limited in her prize giving in a club to 25 cents a prize bought three sheets of blotters and a yard of ribbon to match. The former cost 5 cents apiece, the latter 10 cents.

Each of the blotters was cut into four round mats large enough to extend slightly beyond the bottom of a dinner plate. The twelve pieces were neatly tied together with ribbon, with a fluffy bow on top, and the mats were ready for the careful housekeeper to slip between her fine china plates to prevent scratching.

For White Spot.

If the varnished surface of a piece of furniture is injured by chloroform, camphor or any other liquid which dissolves varnish, rub the spot at once with olive oil or linseed oil.

HAND IT TO BRESNAHAN.

St. Louis Manager Is Hardest Worker In Game Today.

Roger Bresnahan, manager of the St. Louis Nationals, is the most heroic and pathetic figure in baseball. The showing of his team is wonderful considering the fact that he has the weakest pitching staff and the poorest outfield in the older organization. In a game against Brooklyn recently he had used up all his twirlers and was forced to do box duty himself. He pitched a fairly good game. The advent of the Cardinal commander to the rubber is not surprising. He was a very fair pitcher when he first joined Washington in 1898.

By the way, speaking of all round players, Bresnahan comes very close to being the greatest of all round players



Photo by American Press Association. ROGER BRESNAHAN, ST. LOUIS NATIONALS STRENGTHOUS LEADER.

as well as the greatest catcher. Very probably he would be the greatest of center fielders if he had gone to that position five years ago. He was a good third baseman too. Few of the great all round players can pitch and few can catch.

Lajole can receive and was a catcher before he joined the Philadelphia club, fourteen years ago. Neither Lajole nor Wagner ever pitched regularly for a major league team. Bresnahan has done everything well. Truly, he is one of the greatest ball players of all time.

Jack O'Connor was the first man to call attention to Bresnahan's all round eminence in the game. "He is the greatest ball player I have ever seen," said O'Connor years ago.

Yet He Meant Well.

Just as the train was leaving the Fifty-eighth street elevated station a man who had got off there hurried along the platform and spoke to a passenger sitting by an open window in the smoking car.

"Quick!" he cried. "Please hand me that package. I left it on the seat when I got out just now."

"Sure," said the passenger, picking up the bundle and tossing it out of the window.

"Thanks!"

"Hey, there! What are you doing that for?" demanded the wrathful, red faced man sitting next to him.

"Why, he—"

"You double dyed idiot, that package belonged to me! It was \$15 worth of laces and ribbons I was taking home to my wife!"

Over the scene that followed let us draw a veil.—Chicago Tribune.

His Only Blemish.

When the pious looking lady entered the London birdshop and stated her need of a talking parrot the proprietor "reckoned he'd got the worry thing the lady wanted." "Course, ma'am," he said, "you don't want a vulgar bird. This 'ere one, now, was brought over by a missionary. Talks like a regular 'ymn book, 'e does. I wouldn't let 'im go if I didn't think you'd give 'im a respectable 'ome. Thirty-five shillings that bird, ma'am."

"You'll soon know!" screeched Polly. "You'll soon know!"

"Dear me! How quaint!" gushed the lady, and 35 shillings changed hands.

"What does he mean by 'you'll soon know,' I wonder?"

"It's 'is only blemish, ma'am," smiled the birdshop man. "'E's got it into 'is 'ead that every one's wonderful anxious to find out wot a missionary sez when 'e 'is 'is thumb with a 'ammer."

Clyde Fitch's Joke.

"Clyde Fitch was an indefatigable worker," said an actor who has played in many of the Fitch comedies. "When he had a play on the stocks he would labor over it day and night, often scarcely pausing for his meals and getting very little sleep; consequently his health suffered. He would work until on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and then his physician would step in and force him to knock off."

"During one of these periods of enforced idleness he was lounging in the Players club one day when Harry B. Smith, the prolific comic opera librettist, strolled in.

"What are you doing now?" asked Smith.

"I am in my doctor's hands," replied Fitch. "He tells me I'm in a bad way and has absolutely forbidden me to do any brain work."

"That's tough," said Smith. "How do you manage to put in the time?"

"Oh, I'm writing the libretto of a musical comedy," replied Fitch, with one of his cynical smiles.

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Prince Edward's Income.
Prince Edward, the heir to the throne, derives a clear income of £80,000 a year from the duchy of Cornwall, the property having appreciated enormously in recent years in consequence of the falling in of leases on its estates in London. This £80,000 a year will accumulate for the heir apparent, so that by the time he comes of age he will have an independent fortune from this source alone of nearly half a million sterling.—London Answers.

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10:00	10:00	10:00	6:00	12:40	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
10:00	2:15	12:30	8:30	2:15	Philadelphia	3:35	7:31	7:31	7:31
1:20	7:25	4:40	1:20	7:10	Wilkes-Barre	10:20	4:05	7:15	2:25 P.M.
2:08	8:15	5:30	2:08	7:55	Scranton	9:37	3:15	6:20	1:35 P.M.
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5:40	9:05	6:20	2:05	8:45	Carbonate	8:05	1:35	5:40	12:17
5:50	9:15	6:30	2:15	8:55	Lincoln Avonia	7:54	1:25	5:30	12:07
6:00	9:25	6:40	2:25	9:05	Whites	7:40	1:15	5:20	11:57
6:10	9:35	6:50	2:35	9:15	Farview	7:25	1:05	5:08	11:44
6:17	9:42	6:56	2:42	9:24	Canaan	7:12	12:51	4:58	11:31
6:25	9:48	7:04	2:48	9:32	Lake Lodore	7:00	12:41	4:50	11:21
6:35	9:51	7:07	2:52	9:37	Waymart	6:50	12:30	4:44	11:09
6:42	9:57	7:15	2:57	9:47	Keene	6:37	12:18	4:35	10:56
6:50	10:00	7:20	3:00	9:50	Streene	6:25	12:08	4:25	10:43
6:59	10:04	7:28	3:08	9:58	Prompton	6:15	12:00	4:17	10:36
7:08	10:08	7:34	3:12	10:00	Fortenia	6:05	11:52	4:07	10:22
7:18	10:11	7:41	3:15	10:05	Seelyville	5:55	11:40	4:00	10:09
7:28	10:15	7:47	3:19	10:10	Honesdale	5:45	11:28	3:50	9:56
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